Message to Labor Issued by Wilson.

Washington, Aug. 31.-President Wilson in a Labor Day message to | American workers to-night announced that he would call in the near future a conference of representatives of labor and industry to "discuss ! fundamental means of bettering the whole relationship of capital and labor and putting the whole question of wages upon another footing."

The president said he was encouraged and pleased with the results thus far of the government's efforts to bring down the cost of living and expressed confidence that substantial results would be achieved in the solving of this problem. Patience and vigilance, however, he said, must be exercised and the government's efforts must have co-operation of every citizen.

Presumably referring to the existing labor unrest and threats of every citizen to refrain from doing anything that would tend to increase the cost of living but instead to do all possible to promote production.

The president expressed particular gratification at the attitude taken by the representatives of organized labor in supporting the government's program to meet requests for additional wages through a lowering of living costs and said he hoped that the workers themselves would "move with the government instead of against it in the problem of this great domestic problem".

Message of President.

The Labor Day message as made public to-night at the White House follows:

"I am encouraged and gratified by the program which is being made in controlling the cost of living. The support of the movement is widespread and I confidently look for substantial results, although I must counsel patience as well as vigilance because such will not come instantly or without team work.

Let me again emphasize my appeal to every citizen of the country to continue to give his personal support in this matter and to make it as active as possible. Let him not only refrain from doing anything which at the moment will tend to increase the cost of living, but let him do all in his power to increase the production, and further than that let him at the same time himself carefully economize in the matter of consumption. By common action in this direction we shall overcome a danger greater than the danger of war. We will hold steady a situation which is fraught with possibilities of hardship and suffering to a part of our population. We will enable the processes of production to overtake the processes of consumption, and we will speed the restoration of an adequate purchasing power for wages.

"I am particularly gratified at the support which the government's policy has received from the representatives from organized labor and I earnestly hope that the workers generally will emphatically indorse the position of their leaders and thereby move with the government instead of against it in the solution of this greatest domestic problem. ,

Conference Held Soon.

"I am calling for as early a date as practicable a conference in which authoritative representatives of labor and of those who direct labor will discuss fundamental means of bettering the whole relationship of capital and labor and putting the whole question of wages upon another ofting.

"Woodrow Wilson."

The proposed conference, it was stated authoritatively to-night would be called to meet soon after President Wilson returns at the end of tour of the West. It was thought likely that the meeting would be held at the White House as was the reconstruction conference of governors and mayors last spring.

Proposals that a conference between labor and employers be held has been urged from a number of quarters. Secretary Lane expressed the belief in a statement a few days ago that the president should call such a meeting. Resolutions are pending in both houses of congress urging that workers and employers be brought together.

In the president's promise to call a labor-capital conference, officials saw alleviation of the tension existing among organized labor. Coming on the eve of Labor Day it was believed it would have a most beneficial effect.

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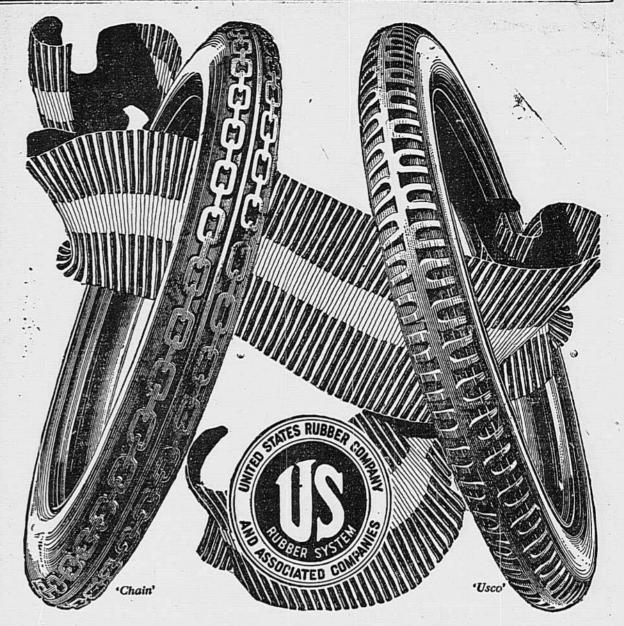
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